

Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Four Corners Fire Update

Friday, August 19, 2022

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InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8331/

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Start Date	Cause	Size	Percent	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Dozers	Total
			Containment					Personnel
8/13/22	Lightning	5,560 acres	0%	5	22	11	4	395

Yesterday afternoon, low relative humidity, high temperatures, and winds caused an increase in fire activity on the Four Corners Fire. The fire crossed the 435 Road and prompted evacuations by Valley County Sheriff's Office of residents in God's Acres and French Creek. Residents in the Campbell Creek area are under preevacuation alert (Set) and should be ready to evacuate as quickly as possible should the fire continue to grow and necessitate additional evacuations.

This morning, heavy smoke is impacting communities throughout Valley County. There is a possibility of thunderstorms this afternoon, bringing gusty and erratic winds with only a slight chance of precipitation. Fire activity may increase again as a result. Additional firefighting resources are arriving, including fire crews that will assist specifically with the protection of private property.

On the northern end of the fire, minimal fire growth occurred yesterday, and firefighters will continue efforts to construct fireline and begin containing the fire perimeter. There was also limited fire growth to the west. The fire is currently burning in steep and rocky terrain, where working directly along the fire perimeter is both difficult and often unsafe with a low chance of success. Firefighters are assessing locations on the western edge where they can successfully and safely stop the fire's spread. This may include existing natural and manmade features – such as meadows, rocky areas, and roads – as well as fireline constructed by crews and equipment.

Please be aware that water scooping aircraft continue to use the southernmost section of Lake Cascade to scoop water for dropping on the fire. Boaters should be cautious on the water and aware that the aircraft may use other areas of the lake as needed. Additionally, the aircraft have drawn attention from viewers parking along Lakeshore Drive. Use caution when traveling through the area.

Evacuation Information: Residences in God's Acres and French Creek are under evacuation status (Go). The Campbell Creek area is under pre-evacuation notice (Set). Others in the vicinity are encouraged to consider evacuation preparations (Ready). Please visit https://www.wildlandfirersg.org/ for information on packing and preparing for evacuations. Kelly's Whitewater Park is open to evacuees. For more information on evacuations and local support, call the Valley County Sheriff's Office at 208.382.5160.

Closure Information: For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Payette and Boise National Forests enacted an area closure order today. The complete closure order – including a full description of the trails, roads, and areas closed and an accompanying map – is available at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/8331/.



